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WHEELING, FEBRUARY 9, 1900.

Meeting of the State League of Re-

publican Clubs.

To the Republicans of West Virginia.

The time has come for aggressive action

on the part of all adherents of our great

party, which is now, as ever, the party

of vital and positive principles. This year,

as heretofore, Republicanism means patri-

otism. It therefore behooves the friends

of good government everywhere to use all

honorable means to perpetuate Republican

principles by bringing about the election

of overwhelming majorities of the Repub-

lican national state and local nominees

in the pending campaign. Such effort

should not cease until victory is secured.

In view of the great influence for good

wielded by club organizations in distrib-

uting political literature and arousing en-

thusiasm upon the live questions of the

day, a meeting of the West Virginia State

League of Republican Clubs is hereby called

to be held in the city of Parkersburg, W.

Va., for the purpose of reorganization,

consideration of plans for this year's

campaign, election of delegates to the

National League meeting, and for

such other business as may properly come

before it. Each club is entitled to five dele-

gates, and it should also elect five alter-

nates. Republicans in every county are

urged to organize clubs at once, and send

the name of each club, with lists of officers

and delegates, without delay, to the sec-

retary at Charleston.

Speakers of national reputation will be

present to address the meeting.

By order of the Executive Committee,

WM. BURDETTE MATHEWS,

First Vice President.

D. E. HUGHES, Secretary.

The Canal Treaty.

Most of the adverse comment on the

recent convention signed by Secretary

of State Hay and Ambassador Paunc-

ote, of Great Britain, with regard to

the construction of the Nicaragua

canal comes from Democratic sources,

which oppose the treaty simply be-

cause it is of Republican origin. Other

opposition is inspired by a failure to

understand the real situation, provin-

cialism that has perhaps just been

made acquainted with the fact brought

out by the present negotiations between

this country and England that the Suez

canal is neutral. It is just as neces-

sary for the neutralization of the con-

templated waterway between the At-

lantic and Pacific oceans as the main-

tenance of neutrality of the canal which

unites the Mediterranean with the Red

sea. How can it be supposed that the

United States could go into a foreign

country, cut a canal and give its mer-

chant steamers special privileges there-

in peace and its naval vessels ex-

real Americans in the light of the con-

tempt Pettigrew is held in his own

state.

Dispatches to the Chicago Tribune

from South Dakota state that the sen-

timents against his course in the senate

is almost unanimous. A few Populists

and Democrats stand by him as a mat-

ter of policy, because he is "fermist"

the administration. The opposition to

him, however, is one of open disgust.

At Hot Springs, S. D., the opinion is

that "Pettigrew's utterances are un-

patriotic and disloyal and do not ex-

press the sentiment of the people of

this portion of the state. They are as

reasonable as anything the notorious

Vandenberg ever said." In Yankton

it is said that the papers of both parties

are denouncing and ridiculing the sen-

ator. In Aberdeen it is claimed that "the

feeling is growing that Senator Petti-

grew is in a great measure irrespon-

sible for his actions. Republicans feel

sure he is daily deepening his own po-

litical grave, but, at the same time,

they regret the unenviable notoriety he

is giving the state." And in Water-

town, "the general expression of the

soldiers is that he was largely instru-

mental in encouraging the Filipinos

under Aguinaldo, and is thus responsible

for the loss of many South Dakota

men."

These are only random expressions of

opinion chosen from a number from

South Dakota showing the sentiment in

that state. It is unfortunate that

South Dakota should be misrepresented

in the United States senate. Its peo-

ple are humiliated and the country dis-

graced by Pettigrew's half-insane rav-

ings. The only consolation is that he

has but one more year to serve. At

present "he stands," as the Sioux City

Journal says, "as a representative of

passion, of hate, of malice, of the low-

est order of partisanship driven to in-

sane and foolish things."

Vicious Inconsistency.

From the once pleasant appellation of

"Star-eyed Goddess of Reform," Henry

Waterson has fallen to a very low

estate and can be designated in no

other way than the "Blair-eyed God-

dess of Alarm." Not satisfied with stil-

lifying the Louisville Courier-Journal

by advocating Goebel's election his mad

passion in the crisis nerved him to

charge that Gov. Taylor was person-

ally implicated in Goebel's assassina-

tion. His unreasoning assaults on the

legally elected officers of Kentucky and

defense of the iniquitous tactics of the

Goebellites is markedly in contrast to

his denunciation of the Goebel election

law in the columns of his paper only

a short time ago. Referring to that

law he said:

The annals of free government will be

sought in vain for anything approach-

ing it in shameless effrontery and un-

concealed deformity. This measure

which Goebel has linked his name

is of sweeping viciousness and far-reach-

ing evil. It is only a question of time

and of a very short time when all con-

cerned in its passage will be running to

cover from the wrath of an outraged

people, and when those responsible for

its being will have to pay the forfeit of

their folly and crime in everlasting in-

famy and disgrace.

"But no sooner was the law on the

statute books," comments the Philadel-

phia Press, "and its author nominated

by a trick for governor than Mr. Wat-

erson recanted and became one of Go-

ebel's most servile defenders and sup-

porters. He admitted that the law was

intended to cheat at the polls and

boasted that two reliable Democrats

and one unreliable Republican would

be appointed as election officers to re-

ceive and count the ballots, and that

the law was intended to catch the con-

fession of a coming or a going. Neverthe-

less he supported the man who framed

the law. And he is now as violent and

unrestrained in his comments on the

situation as any ward politician in Ken-

tucky, claiming that Gov. Taylor is di-

rectly responsible for the murder of

Goebel and uttering other incendiary

charges.

"This is not the first time Mr. Wat-

erson has been found wanting. In the

"Fills." Among those present, it says,

were Warden "Howls" and H. M. "Mc-

Gregor."

That proposed Kentucky compromise

is not a compromise, but simply rob-

bery by political thieves.

STATE NEWS.

Morgantown expects to get in the free

delivery class April 1.

F. W. Hartsell has just returned

from Morgantown, where he closed a

lease for seven thousand acres of land,

located in Wayne county. Mr. Hart-

sell states that there will be immediate

developments for oil and gas. This land

was owned by ex-President Cleveland,

ex-Secretary Fairchild and others.—

Huntingdon Advertiser.

Hon. C. Sturgis has presented a

proposition to the Morgantown city

council to light the city with arc lights

on a basis of \$30 per year each.

A charming reception was given by

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Dawson, of

Morgantown, Monday evening. They

were assisted by Governor and Mrs. At-

kinson and Miss Mabel Mardew, of

Kingswood.

Ringgold, near Morgantown, is boom-

ing.

Revival services are being held in the

Huntingdon churches.

Two new cases of smallpox are re-

ported from Glenville, Gliner county,

the patients being Senator R. F. Kidd

and Hon. J. H. Barnett, making six

cases in all. Both gentlemen contracted

the disease while attempting to isolate

the early cases. There are no new

cases in Weston or on Alum Fork. There

are now sixty cases in the three cen-

tral West Virginia counties—Bluefield

Telegraph.

PASSING PLEASANTIES.

Blings—What is the first duty of a

man coming to America? Bangs—The

duty he pays on everything he brings

with him.—Harlem Life.

His Question—Grabbenheimer (in-

jured in a railroad wreck)—Oh, doctor,

doctor, will you recover? Surgeon—Oh, yes,

Grabbenheimer (greatly relieved)—

—Pound how much, do you think?—Life.

Mamma—I see you eat any more of that

pudding, Tommy, you will see the bog-

ie man to-night. Tommy (after a mo-

ment's thought)—Well, give me some

more. I might as well settle my mind

about the truth of the story once for all.

—Tit-Bits.

New Yorker—I understand the Union

elevated railroad in Brooklyn is using

the block system. How does it work?

Brooklynite—Splendid. We have blocks

every day, and sometimes twice and

three times a day.—Crynt.

A Far-Seeing Youth.—The father

wanted the young man to go into busi-

ness, and the boy wanted to be a law-

yer. "Which would you rather be?"

argued the father, "a lawyer or a mil-

lionaire?" "I'll be both if you'll give me

half a chance," replied the son, and the

father hurried him away to a law-

school.—Detroit Free Press.

An Eye for Business.—Poor Joe had

met with an accident on the plains

"Flint Eye," said the surgeon who had

fixed him up, "how do you like your

wooden leg?" "Ugh!" responded the

noble red man. "Very good. Like you

make me all wood." "All wood, Flint

Eye? Why in the world do you want

to be all wood?" "Make money! Get job

stand in front of cigar-store."—Chicago

News.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A live electrical wire is a shocking af-

fair.

Trying to keep up appearances keeps

many a man down.

A big man always feels small after

he has been taken in.

A fool in his ignorance is happier than

a sage in his knowledge.

If you aspire to talk well you must

first learn when not to talk.

Some men operate on the stock ex-

change and some gamble in bucket

shops.

Many a man owes his success to the

good management of his mother-in-

law.

Old Noah's family were not society

folks—at least they were not in the

swim.

The man whose actions are right

never has to stop for the purpose of

CLARK AND DOLLIVER

In Debate—Some Characteristics of a

Former West Virginian.

Washington Correspondence of the

Louisville Courier-Journal: A new de-

parture has been made in political

propaganda, and it comes from the com-

monwealth of Pennsylvania—there are

four "commonwealths" in the present

American sisterhood, Kentucky, Vir-